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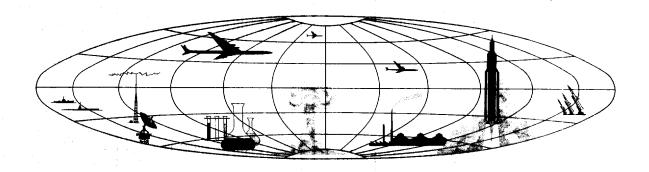








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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3623, DATED 8 JUNE 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER. APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF THE AREA WAS CLOUD COVERED.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N Ø8239W

SITE IS ABANDONED.
APPROXIMATELY 7 VEHICLES NEAR ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2 2239N Ø7951W

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N Ø8236W

SITE IS ABANDONED.
APPROXIMATELY 16 VEHICLES VISIBLE IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN PERMANENT FACILITIES.

ONE LARGE AND ONE MEDIUM TENT (NONE OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE) OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, APPROXIMATELY 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 4 PROBABLE FLATBED TRAILERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS SAM SITE 23Ø1N Ø8129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVETTED LAUNCHERS (3 CANVAS-COVERED), ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N Ø8ØØ5W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

DELEITE SAM SITE 2259N Ø8Ø45W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH REVETMENTS, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N Ø8221W

TWENTY-THREE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 6 FLATBED TRAILERS, APPROXIMATELY 30 MISSILE CANISTERS, ONE PROBABLE MISSILE ON DOLLY, AND 28 UNIDENTIFIED TRAILERS OBSERVED.

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25X1A

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 23Ø9N Ø8156W



SITE CONTAINS 2 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, A CANVAS-COVERED PARKING SHELTER, 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

TWO UNREVETTED LAUNCHERS, 26 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 LARGE TENTS (2 NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE) AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N Ø7955W

AIRCRAFT -- 16 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE HARE. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

NO AIRCRAFT OR MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N Ø8231W

AIRCRAFT -- 34 FISHBED, 20 FAGOT/MIDGET, 4 FARMER, AND 2 HOUND.

25X1D

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 4 C-46, 3 C-54, ONE COOT, 2 BRITANNIA, 4 CRATE, ONE LODESTAR, AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE.

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25X1D

25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE FAGOT/FRESCO, 3 CRATE, ONE CAB, ONE PBY, 7 COLT, AND APPROXIMATELY 35 LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 57 HOUND (2 WITHOUT ROTORS), 4 HARE (2 WITHOUT ROTORS), ONE BELL HELICOPTER, AND ONE C-47.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N Ø8217W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N Ø7959W

25X1D

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D

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25X1D

CITY PIER.

25X1A

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 4 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE AT ANCHOR) AND ONE PROBABLE COASTAL FREIGHTER.
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N Ø8ØØ1W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS AND ONE COASTAL FREIGHTER.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER IN PORT AND ONE LARGE FREIGHTER INBOUND.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE LARGE TANKER, AND 2 COASTAL FREIGHTERS.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N Ø8218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS — 2 PF, 5 PC (ONE KRONSHTADT-CLASS), 3 PT, ONE KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE RAILWAY, 27 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 2 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 2 LARGE TANKERS, ONE PASSENGER SHIP ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SANTA CLARA PIER, AND 3 TRAWLERS.

25X1D

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N Ø8256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SIXTEEN PROBABLE VAN TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 10
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N Ø8233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED.
DARKNESS AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N Ø8248W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

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25X1A

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

FOUR LARGE TENTS, 26 PROBABLE VAN TRUCKS AND 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N Ø8311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. 25X1D HAZE PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. TWO FLATBED TRUCKS OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N: 08220W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. FOLIAGE AND DARKNESS PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N Ø821ØW

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N Ø8228W

25X1D

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N Ø7957W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY 18 TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED. 25X1D

MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N Ø8149W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN VISIBLE AREAS. TEN UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE AREA. 25X1D

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N Ø8124W

25X1D

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N Ø8217W

THIRTY-TWO LOWBOY TRAILERS, 9 TANKS/SP GUNS, 28 VAN TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 50 CARGO TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 25 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED NORTH OF RUNWAY. APPROXIMATELY 250 VEHICLES OBSERVED SOUTH OF RUNWAY IN THE HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N Ø8214W

FOUR TANKS/SP GUNS AND 13 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED. FOLIAGE AND SHADOWS LIMIT INTERPRETATION.

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25X1A

GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N Ø82Ø3W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. SHADOWS AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

25X IA

25X1D

THIRTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 10 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED. SHADOWS LIMIT INTERPRETATION.

25X1A

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

WEST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 25 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 3 FA PIECES.
EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 20 PROBABLE CARGO TRUCKS.
APPROXIMATELY 40 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 6 FA
PIECES.

25X1D

25X1A

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

ONE LOWBOY TRAILER AND APPROXIMATELY 175 CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2300N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 12 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 60 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES VISIBLE.

AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 20 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- 10 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 13 UNIDENTIFIED

VEHICLES.

AREA 4 -- 2 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 2 PROBABLE FA PIECES.

AREA 5 -- APPROXIMATELY 20 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES AND 4 PROBABLE FA PIECES.

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25X1A

SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

25X1D

APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED AT PUNTA REGLA AND APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES NEAR POL STORAGE AREA.

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

APPR AREA

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY 75 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

25X1A

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N Ø8218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N Ø8223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. ELEVEN VAN TRUCKS AND 27 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N Ø7953W

NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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25X1D

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE-

25X1A

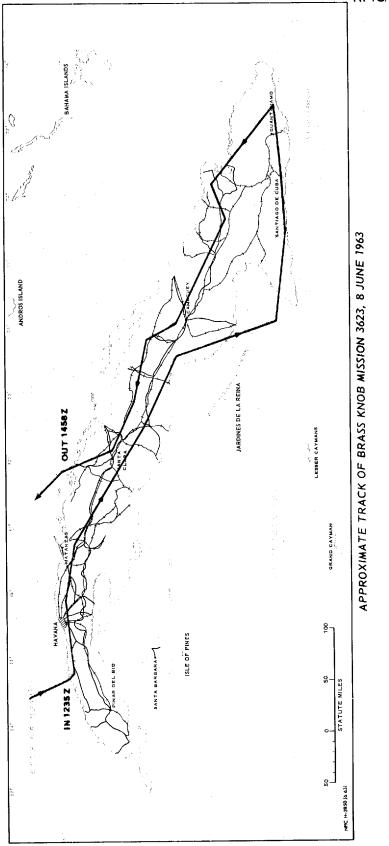
| BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE | 2257N | Ø8317W |
|---|-------|--------|
| HAVANA SAM SITE | 23Ø9N | Ø8213W |
| MANAGUA SAM SITE | 2259N | Ø8215W |
| MAJANA SAM SITE | 2241N | Ø8249W |
| BAHIA HONDA PORT | 2255N | Ø8311W |
| BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY CAMP | 23Ø8N | Ø821ØW |
| SPECIAL AREA ALPHA | 2258N | Ø8227W |
| SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE | 225ØN | Ø8233W |
| SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED | 2254N | Ø8231W |
| SPECIAL AREA VICTOR | 23ØØN | Ø8234W |
| SPECIAL AREA TANGO | 2258N | Ø8244W |
| TARARA LANDING BEACH | 231ØN | Ø8212W |
| MATANZAS LANDING BEACH | 23Ø1N | Ø8126W |
| VARADERO LANDING BEACH | 23Ø8N | Ø8118W |
| LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION | 23Ø1N | Ø8245W |
| MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA | 23Ø4N | Ø8133W |
| CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C | 2258N | Ø8258W |
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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

| SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1 | 2243N Ø8ØØ1W |
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| CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE | 2142N Ø785ØW |
| GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE | 23ØØN Ø825ØW |
| JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD | 2209N 08025W |
| CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP | 2256N Ø8251W |
| REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP | 2227N Ø7934W |
| CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH | 2202N 08036W |
| ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH | 2202N 08025W |
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